Palace: 'Pork' control limited to 2010 budget

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and TJ Burgonio

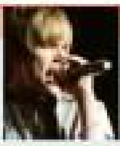
MALACAÑANG WASHED ITS HANDS entirely of the provision prohibiting the president from impounding pork barrel funds without congressional approval which was inserted in the P1.54-trillion 2010 budget. It also pointed out that Congress could scrap it next year.

"That is by the legislative act of the members of the legislature. This is their action. The President had nothing to do with this," deputy presidential

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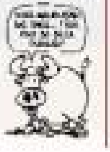
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Noy OK riding with GMA to inaugural, no farther

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A SHORT RIDE ON THE limousine with outgoing President Macapagal-Arroyo is fine, but no road trips on the SLEx, please. This was according to presumptive

NOY OK A16



Aquino receives US envoy



NO DOUBTING THOMAS Just in case doubts are being cast on the results of the presidential election, US Ambassador Harry Thomas Jr. pays a courtesy call on presumptive president-elect Benigno Aquino III in his residence on Times Street, as if to tell the Philippines and the world, "He's the man."

Thomas: Will of Filipinos has been respected

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

US PRESIDENT BARACK Obama has yet to phone in congratulations, but Washington's top diplomat in the Philippines appears to be telling presumptive president-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III that he's the man.

"Sinabi ko sa kanya, Maligayang bati (I told him, Best wishes)," US Ambassador Harry K. Thomas Jr., showing off his command of Filipino, said when asked about the significance of his meeting yesterday afternoon with Aquino and whether he expected the latter to become the next Philippine President.

Thomas relayed his message personally to Aquino in a visit to the Liberal Party standard-bearer's residence on Times Street in Quezon City.

At a press conference after the meeting, Thomas was asked about the House inquiry on allegations of electoral cheating. His reply was that, "As you have seen, we congratulated the Filipino people on this election process. There were some bumps and bruises, but that is to

AQUINO A16

Losers lament zero votes, padding, pre-shading, etc

By Kristine L. Alave and Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SORE LOSERS CRANKED UP THE volume of election rigging allegations raining down on the Commission on Elections, filing formal complaints yesterday against their devastating loss in the May 10 balloting.

Quezon City mayoral candidate Michael Defensor, who lost to Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, and Rolando Uy, who lost to Vicente Emano for mayor of Cagayan de Oro City, both filed protests at the Comelec yesterday.

Erwin Genuino, who ran for Makati mayor a second time and lost yet again, also claimed to have been cheated.

North Cotabato Vice Gov. Emmanuel Piñol, who has alleged that cheating in his province was somehow done through the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines, similarly filed a

LOSERS A13

Who's Koala Bear's handler? Palace, says Locsin; a losing 'presidentiable,' says Comelec

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Kristine L. Alave

WHO LET THE "KOALA BEAR" OUT?

A Commission on Elections (Comelec) official yesterday said his information was that it was let loose by one of the losers in the presidential race.

Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr. was more definite: The Koala Bear sprang out of Malacañang.

Speaking at the resumption of the House of Representatives committee hearing on allegations of election fraud, Locsin said: "I know who you are. Do

WHO'S KOALA A13

Jojo Binay camp jubilant, cites Noy slip of tongue

By Norman Bordadora

THE CAMP OF VICE PRESIDENTIAL front-runner Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay was mighty pleased with presumptive president-elect Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III's slip of the tongue on Thursday when he said people might have to wait a year to know what's in store in government for his running mate Sen. Mar Roxas.

"If we are looking at the same [election] documents, that's the realization [they will have]," said Joey Salgado,

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VILLANUEVA VS VILLANUEVA

Heirs battle for custody of 100-year-old matriarch

By Doris C. Dumlao

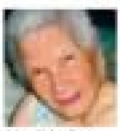
(First of two parts)

THE HEIRS OF THE late industrialist Roberto Villanueva Jr. are in the thick of a court battle over custody of his 100-year-old widow and the eldest son is accusing his siblings of "elder abuse."

At the core of the feud is a debate on whether Corazon Grau Villanueva, a former socialite and pioneer magazine journalist, should spend the twilight of her life in a hospital or, as she purportedly wishes, in the comfort of her home in South Forbes Park.

The eldest son, Roberto Jr. or Berto, has accused his brothers Luis and Eduardo of having connived to abduct their mother from her home last April 11, take her to St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City with-

HEIRS A17



CORAZON GRAU VILLANUEVA

SPECIAL REPORT



PLEASE EXPLAIN Quezon City 3rd District Rep. Mary Ann Susano confronts Smartmatic spokesperson Cesar Flores with 2 flash cards during the second hearing of the House committee on suffrage and electoral reforms in Quezon City on Friday. At left is Comelec Commissioner Gregorio Larrazabal.

Thais still split: Rural, urban poor versus elite

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S PREMIER said Friday order has been restored after a deadly crackdown on protesters, but the divided kingdom faces huge challenges as the violence that gripped its capital deepened rifts that have smoldered for decades in the "Land of Smiles." *(See related story on Page A24.)*

The crisis broadly pits the rural poor and urban working class against what they call an "establishment elite" of big business, military brass and the educated middle class.

While an uncertain peace has returned to Bangkok after unrest killed 85 people and wounded more than 1,800 in the past nine weeks, Thailand

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Second FrontPage

Issue of Noynoy oath settled

THE SUPREME COURT HAS APPARENTLY ACcepted presumptive presidential winner Sen. Benigno Aquino III's declared intention to take his oath before a magistrate other than Chief Justice Renato Corona to underscore his opposition to Corona's appointment by outgoing President Macapagal-Arroyo.



AWKWARD MOMENT

Noynoy friend seen as 'Little President'



Palace shrugs off anti-GMA Facebook mail

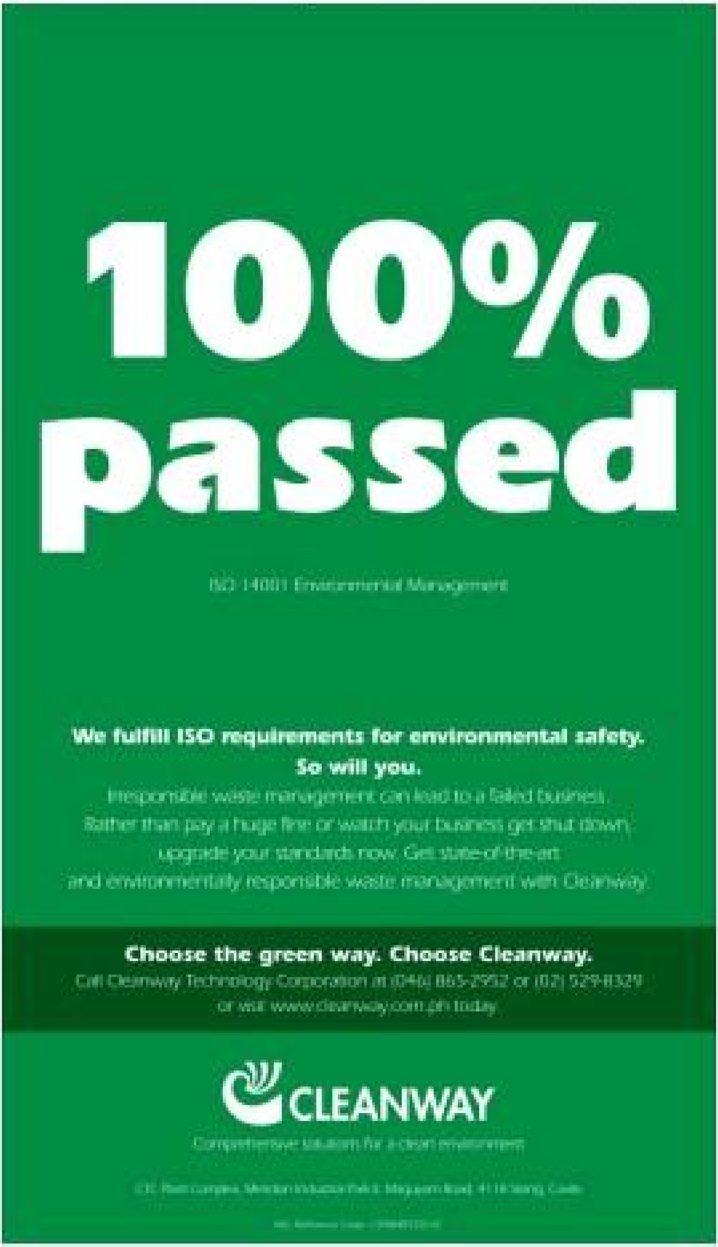
Noynoy on Ping: Rule of law applies



Gecko keeps GMA home pest-free

KEEP A GECKO AT HOME AND HELP prevent global warming.





No Senate seat, but Joey de V lands a bride

The Daily Gospel

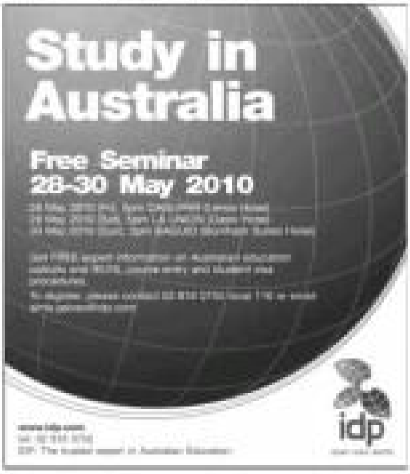
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Proper Diet for Active Pre-schoolers

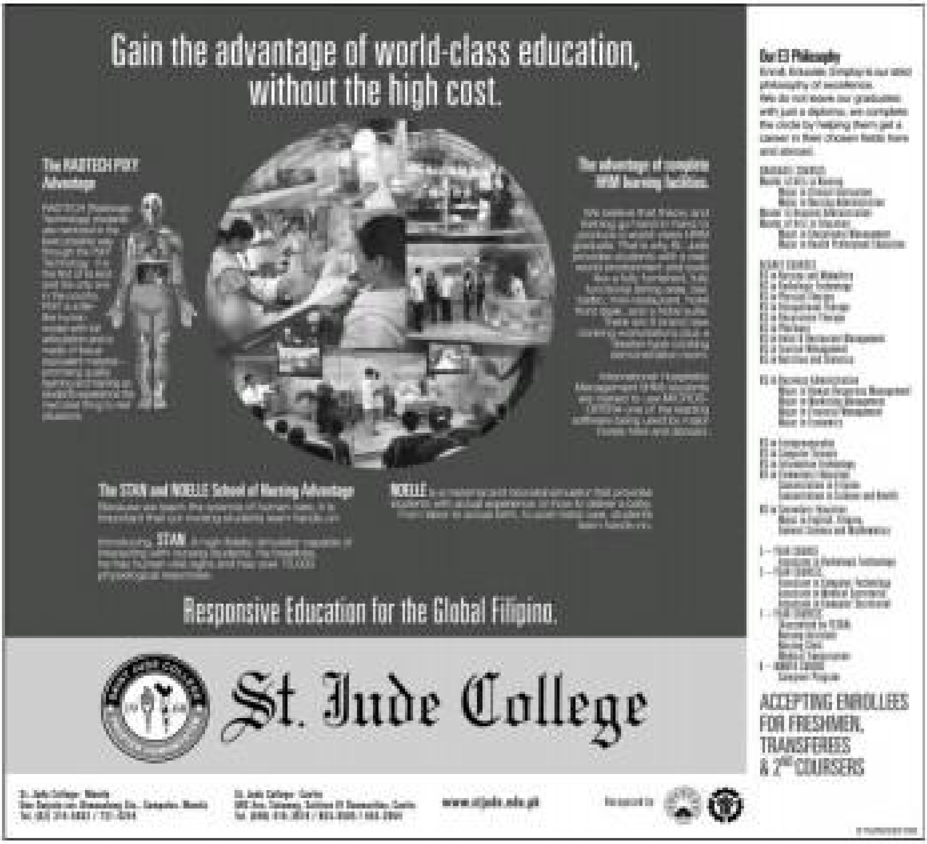


Dethroned beauty gets passport, finally

Classes to resume June 15







Trainee's death prompts Army to resked training

By Jocelyn R. Uy

DUE TO THE SCORCHING HEAT that caused the death of a candidate soldier and the hospitalization of 16 others early this week in Isabela, the Philippine Army has revised its rigorous training schedules to relatively cooler times in the day.

Following the incident, Army chief Lt. Gen. Reynaldo Mapagu issued a directive adjusting the schedule of the rigorous training exercises to early in the morning and later in the day when temperature is not at its highest, said Col. John Bonafos, Army assistant chief of staff for education and training yesterday.

On Wednesday Ernesto Pascua, a candidate soldier undergoing the first day of the military training in Isabela, died from heat stroke. Sixteen other trainees were rushed to the hospital for heat exhaustion and dehydration—the first two symptoms leading to heat stroke.

According to Col. Loreto Magundayao Jr., spokesperson of the 5th Infantry Division, the temperature that day in Tuguegarao, which was about 100 kilometers from Isabela, was 39.7 degrees Celsius.

"Because of the incident, the commanding general of the Philippine Army has issued a guidance stating that the holding of physical and strenuous activities must be done in the hours when heat is not so intense," AFP spokesperson Lt. Col. Arnulfo Burgos Jr. told reporters at Camp Aguinaldo.

The 5th Infantry Division has scheduled its daily training only up to 10 a.m. and later in the afternoon.

Burgos, who was relaying Bonafos' message, added that all trainees must undergo a minimum of 12-week military training and a seven-week jungle warfare and counterinsurgency operations course to be enlisted in the military service with the rank of a private.

Across the NATION

Rice imports during polls hurt farmers

NAIC, CAVITE—A FLOOD OF RICE IMPORTS during the election period is now hurting farmers who are deep in debt as a result of losses incurred by falling prices of local rice.



UNDER HEAVY GUARD

Farmers, kids held as estate owners push conversion

Transmission firm hikes Mindanao power rates

Water, electricity shortage wreaks havoc in Cebu City

Bong Pineda wife: What, me buy votes?



POSTELECTION REQUIREMENT

Bets reminded of financial statements

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY—CANDIDATES, [illegible] is first.

Election officials in Leyte reminded those who ran for elective positions on May 10 to submit statements of contributions received and expenses incurred for their campaigns.

The penalties for violating this rule are either disqualification from assuming post or from ever running for public office again and fines ranging from P1,000 to P30,000.

There is no record in recent memory of any candidate being penalized for the violation, however.

Leyte election officials said candidates, losers and winners, should submit the financial statement not later than 30 days after May 10.

[illegible] Gabalunda, Leyte election supervisor, said his office has not received any financial document from any candidate 20 days after the elections.

Gabalunda urged candidates not to wait for June 10, the deadline set for the submission of the documents.

He also asked candidates to be honest, a trait rare among politicians, in declaring the amount of money they got and spent during the elections.

Candidates should also identify their campaign donors and attach supporting documents, like official receipts, to their statements.

Gabalunda said copies of the financial statements would be sent to the legal department of the Commission on Elections' main office in Manila for verification.

Elections were said to be bonanza for the economy as money for campaign change hands.

INQUIRER Visayas

DEATHS OF 'TIBIAO FOUR'

Shootout or unprovoked killings?

MORE THAN A WEEK AFter the May 10 elections, residents of Tibiao town in Antique are still burying their dead.



'We are still afraid. But my only wish is that justice will be given to my husband'

Negros folk give solon 5th term in Congress

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

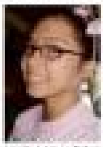
REP. JULIO LEDESMA IV (Nationalist People's Coalition) may have had the most absences in the 14th Congress, but to his constituents in the first district of Negros Occidental he must be doing something right.



Bright kid needs help

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

TWO YEARS AGO, JANINA Jalandoni, who is now 14 years old, was a first-year high school student with higher grades than most that enabled her to be enrolled in special science classes at the Dr. Vicente Gustilo Memorial High School in Cadiz City.


JANINA JALANDONI

Therapy



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Mixed, conflicting signals

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LETTERS

Muslim voters prove secessionists wrong

Sweet poetic justice from independent SC

Take oath before people, president-elect urged

FDA airs side on Turkish flour controversy

An end to the Philippines' color-coded politics

Quintin Doromal a kingly man, a true friend

PPCRV documents apparent electronic fraud in Basilan

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Noynoy the senator filed bill seeking to stop President's control over pork

A conviction

Power of purse

Aquino receives US envoy Harry Thomas



Ties that bind

Sideshows

'Not right'

Creating doubts

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Bells as war booty

Palace: 'Pork' control limited to 2010 budget, Congress can scrap it

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Limited to 2010 budget

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Out of show biz

US walks tight rope with Thai disunity still raw

Another Hugo Chavez

Potential backlash

Obama reaches out

NY-based media group calls on Thai gov't to probe journalists' killing

Gov't urged to investigate

Threats to Thai media

Thais still split: Rural poor, urban working class versus elite



STILL DEFIANT An Army soldier stands guard over an antigovernment "Red Shirt" supporter detained at a Buddhist temple in central Bangkok on Friday. AFP

$1.2-Bln damage

Scenarios

Heirs battle for custody of 'missing' 100-year-old matriarch

Dissipation of assets

Various afflictions

Doctor's independence

Society editor

Son came lately

Suspicious

'How dare you'

Juvic rules at Riviera with a restyled swing

By Musong R. Castillo



JUVIC Pagunsan celebrates after nailing his first victory of the year.

Air Force Rider Down Navy Selecta, One Win Away From Title by Josue Jamlang

The UFL held an intriguing First Division match on Thursday night, as Air Force Rider and Navy Selecta clashed in an Armed Forces derby. Not only was military pride on the line, the game was of immense significance in the title race.

With the pressure to win matches firmly on the shoulders of Air Force Rider, coach Edwin Cabadlla's side responded in a manner that surprised very few, outworking and outperforming with unflinching focus, what looked to be an aging Navy Selecta team. Although coach Lyndon Zamora's side made it an interesting affair by unlocking the usually rock-solid Air Force defense twice, their lack of fitness down the stretch saw them overrun by an opposition that was far more efficient, organized and prepared.

The match finished 4-2 in Air Force Rider's favor, meaning they are just one more win away from winning the title. Also the LBC-UFL Cup champions, the league favorites are on the verge of stamping their authority as the nation's best club without doubt. You won't want to miss it!

A war of love and hope for the Pasig

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

FEU, Ateneo complete FCBL semifinal cast

SPORTSWATCH

'Looney' listing's last day

Runners stakes CebuPac tickets

Corteza, two others keep slates clean



Hot Vidal leads Altas' conquest of Archers

Unso shatters brother's mark

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All set for NCA-WCD on May 25

SJC Bulbtag championship today

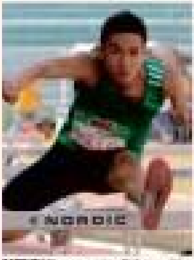
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Painters crush Coffee Masters

NATIONAL OPEN

Unso shatters brother's record



Smart Gilas eyes 'homecourt edge'

Aplus METRO
Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday





GRAND LOTTO 'BUWENA MANO'

Batangas trader richer by ₱134M

By Julie M. Aurelio

A BUSINESSMAN FROM BATANgas has claimed the ₱134-million jackpot of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office's newest lotto game, the 6/55 Grand Lotto, the agency said yesterday.

The 36-year-old trader was composed when he came for the prize but appeared in a hurry to leave "because he may be anxious with such a big amount with him," related Dr. Larry Cedro, PCSO spokesperson.

According to Cedro, the winner bought his ticket at a lotto outlet in Lemery, Batangas, and spent ₱120 for several combinations.

Of the combinations, 45-37-09-12-20-31 struck pay dirt on May 12 when it hit the jackpot for that night's draw. It earned him ₱134,426,973.20 as the first winner of the Grand Lotto.

"He claimed his prize on May 14 or two days after the draw picking his number was won," Cedro said.

Cedro explained that the bettor's choice of numbers was "randomized" or were significance to the trader.

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Woman lifeless in condo

'Closed' dorms still operate in Manila



ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

Edsa traffic chokepoint

Makati bets tell of classic tale



ABANDONED IN LIFE AND IN DEATH

Not allowed to vote

Show proof

Parish celebrates Anthony

Construction worker loses 3 years of his life



SMART AWARD

Batangas trader . . .

S. Korea was caught in a 'perfect military ambush,' says president

But Lee calls for cautious response to ship-sinking



LEE

Blood diamond prosecutors seek to subpoena supermodel Campbell



NAOMI CAMPBELL: Said to have gotten a "large" diamond from Taylor.

Gay couple draws 14 years in Malawi

Facing a rift, US spy chief to step down



BLAIR

The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziálcita

Thai PM offers olive branch to Red Shirts

BANGKOK—THAILAND'S PRIME MINISTER ON Friday promised an independent probe into "all events" surrounding the Red Shirt protests, and called for reconciliation to heal deep political divisions that led to widespread violence and 83 deaths in two months.



ABHISIT Vejjajiva

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Paris thief steals 5 masterpieces worth $123M

[illegible]



A REPRODUCTION of "La Femme à l'Éventail" (Woman with Fan) painted in 1919 by Amedeo Modigliani, one of the five stolen.

Not cremation but 'promession': It's cleaner

HONG KONG—AMID THE POTATO starch coffins and biodegradable urns at a recent Asian funeral expo, a freeze-dry burial technique similar to cremation, but without the pyres, stood out as the ultimate green alternative.

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Pakistan braces for protests over 'sacrilegious' caricatures

LAHORE—THOUSANDS OF PAKISTANIS were expected to take to the streets on Friday in ever growing anger against Facebook and the Web over "sacrilegious" caricatures of the Prophet Mohammad on the Internet.

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BUSINESS

Eurozone woes threaten RP exports

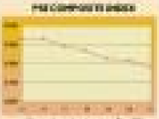
Indicators

Currencies



Stock Market

Stocks down on Wall St. slump



Peso weakens, slips back to 46-to-$1 territory

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS warned that troubles in the Eurozone could spill over beyond its borders and adversely affect the Philippines, together with other developing Asian countries, through a disruption of the recent rebound in the export sector.

Dell bullish on RP, plans to put up local subsidiary

Ayala offer of preferred shares fully subscribed

Dividend rate at 5.28% a year

JG Summit to list P9B worth of bonds

Alliance Global posts 12% profit growth

Trans-Asia posts Q1 loss of P39.6M

Eurozone woes threaten ...

Stocks down ...

Eton on track to double 2010 earnings

Strong market demand boosted Q1 revenues of Lucio Tan firm

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SM readies Radisson Hotel in Cebu City for H2 launch

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RP gets $260-M assistance for 'Ondoy' reconstruction

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Semirara unit seals loan for Calaca

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Dell bullish on RP . . .

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Big Wall Street plunge triggers Asian turmoil

Eurozone woes remain a concern

Like stash in the bank

BREAKTIME

Conrado R. Banal III



US Senate passes Wall St overhaul

PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

8 reasons to invest in Circulo Verde

By Tessa R. Salazar

AFTER LAST WEEK'S OPENing of a showroom of Seville Residences, one of the first residential towers to be constructed in the new Ortigas & Co. development called Circulo Verde, the immediate attraction would be the developer's claim that it would be a flood-proof area.

Looking further into it, one would realize that this project would change the geophysical and economic landscape of the area and its immediate environs. Circulo Verde is situated on Calle Industria Street, Bagumbayan, Quezon City.

To say the least, Circulo Verde is a physically big project (11-hectare master-planned development). It will be comprised of four phases. Phase One alone will have five residential towers (named the Majorca, Ibiza, Seville, Aragon and Avila) due for turnover sometime from 2012 to 2016.

But is being big enough reason to buy into it? Joey Santos, deputy CEO and general manager for real estate division of Ortigas & Co. reveals 8 more compelling reasons:

1 The environment card. This will help improve the area's carbon footprint. Santos says the Circulo Verde site is being transformed from an old industrial plant site to a well-planned residential enclave.

He explains that with the reduction in the severity of the land use alone, Circulo Verde has already contributed to the improvement of the environment in the area.

Circulo Verde will further improve the carbon footprint of the area when Phase 1 is completed in five years with its large landscaped open spaces, the introduction of its own sewage treatment facility and the recycling of treated water for irrigation and other non-potable uses. "We are confident Circulo Verde will lead the conversion of the surrounding properties from their predominant industrial use to similar developments (like ours)," he says.

2 High-tech flood protection technology. Santos reveals to Inquirer Property that the company has engaged the services of DCCD Engineering Corp. to address the technical challenges of the property. DCCD is the first interdisciplinary engineering services firm in the country, and is backed by more than 50 years of varied and extensive experience in the field of hydrology and flood control.

"The added cost will be the one-km river wall to be constructed along the perimeter of the property, the additional drainage facilities, back-up pumps, automated flood gates and the additional filling to increase the elevation of the area," Santos says. All in all, he adds, this measure would cost P350 million.

"After the onslaught of the 'Ondoy' (typhoon), we revisited our flood protection plans together with our consultants. We have identified another solution, such as

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SEVILLE'S front view

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Expert reminds public to prepare for flu onslaught

By Charles E. Buban



Getting vaccinated

Greater chances

A rock and a hard place

DISCOVER



Decision making can be so hard

List of preference

So much to learn

MEDICAL FILES

Rafael Castillo



Eminence-based

Aggressive approach

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New President needs to achieve universal healthcare, say experts

By Tessa R. Salazar

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The poor subsidizing the rich

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Batanes pure Filipino spirit



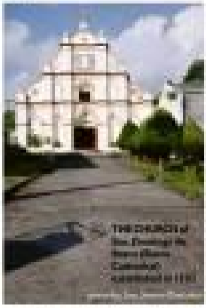
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LIVING ARCHITECTURE

Marcos de Guzman Jr.

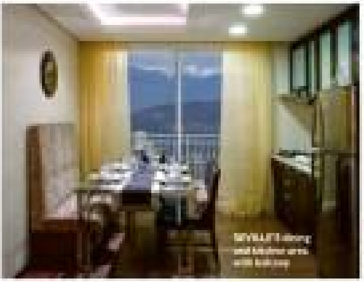
Construction materials



THE CHURCH of Sto. Domingo de Basco

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SEVILLE'S dining and kitchen area with balcony



Young families, execs look forward to enjoying . . .

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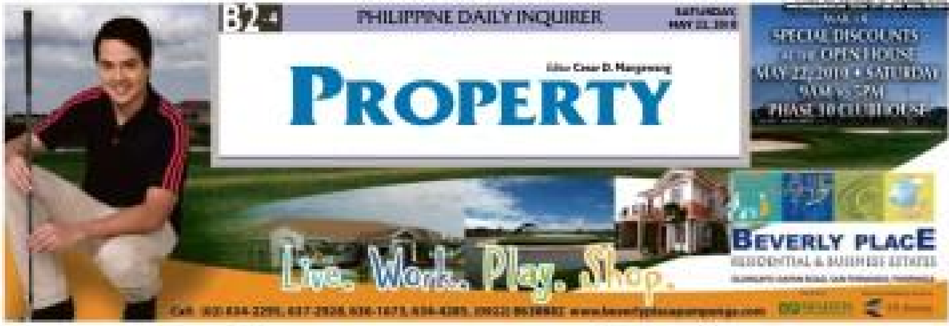
Residential condo project

First of many other offerings

Tivoli Garden . . .

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Housing for a sustainable future



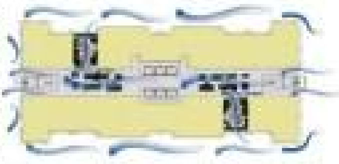
Sustainability

Very proud



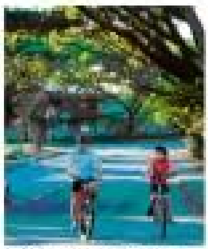


Tivoli Garden Residences unveils the 'Lumiventte' advantage



Tropical suburban feel

Young families, execs look forward to enjoying Ayala Alabang lifestyle



Highly rated



2bU Lifestyle





The *Bieber* fever

Little Cody is only 3 and crying because of a boy named Justin Bieber, who has over 2 million 'belieber' fans on Twitter

By [illegible]
Student correspondent, De La Salle University

When MTV was still on air one Saturday morning, I was watching this young boy singing. He was probably 11, or so I thought. I found his hair really cute with bangs right above his eyes. I almost died with laughter when my mother mistook him for a girl. "No, he's a boy but he really has a small voice," I explained. To which my mother replied, "Oh, I thought he was a tomboy! He could be a pretty girl."

What caught my attention, aside from his singing (and looking like a "pretty girl") was his resemblance to Aaron Carter. When I was growing up, girls were into Aaron, he was the heartthrob who swooned the girls with "I Want Candy" song. So as I searched Justin Bieber, I was aware that he's the next "IT" singer but I never really imagined his popularity to be massive, with his hit single, "One Time."

I have this list of examples showing Justin Bieber's popularity and I don't even know where to start! He's a worldwide sensation and most "tweens" to teen girls are having the so-called "Bieber Fever."

Fandom

He truly has this charm that has stolen millions of hearts. Just snoop at his Twitter account and you'll see Justin Bieber has more than 2 million "beliebers" following him. His fans greatly support him and always mention him in their tweets. As a result, he is a trending topic every single day!

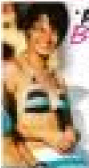
There was even a debate on who rightly deserves to be called "JB" since there used to be the Jonas Brothers who used to make

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LA SALLE student [illegible] even dragged her mom to the US to see Bieber.





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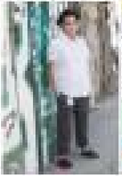
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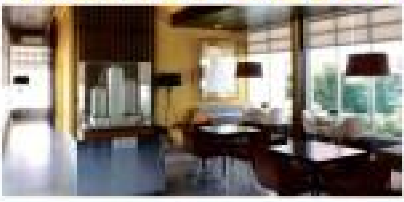
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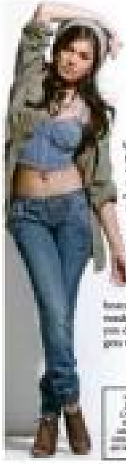








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Wear denim a whole new way with these fresh funky pieces that are so versatile

WHAT'S IN OUR fashion pipeline? Our fave denims are here to stay, reinvented in so many ways from jumpsuits, to button-down shirts, or lady-like corsets. Experiment with cut, color and style—frayed up, acid-washed, distressed—you decide, as denim gets versatile!

Denim revolution

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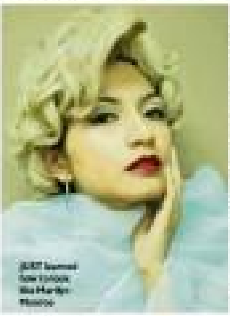






So you want to go to makeup school abroad?

A recent graduate recounts her more than two months of makeup training in Singapore, her biggest lessons, and major advice











Graduation fashion show

Full of vision, passion and energy—meet SoFa's young designers

THE SCHOOL OF Fashion & the Arts will introduce its first batch of graduates in a Graduation Fashion show at Philippine Fashion Week on May 30, 7 p.m., staged by seasoned fashion director Jackie Aquino.

The featured collections are inspired from the Fall/Winter 2010 to 2011 trend projections that will showcase a range of formal wear, streetwear and fantasy. Equipped with the necessary skills and vision to set the new standard in Philippine fashion, the graduates are Mila Villaspeni, Melanie Lim, Mark Tamayo, Kaye Morales, Noelle Llave, Carlo Brorrela, Fidel Caseda, Kim Palma, and Charleston Batulla.

"These young designers are full of vision, passion and energy. They definitely are the future of Philippine fashion," says Amina Aranaz-Alunan, SoFA's communications and admissions director. "We hope our students become artistic and visionary but also highly skilled, professionals with a sharp business sense."



"QUEEN of Octopodes" collection by Kaye Morales

Young designers

Kaye Morales, 25, is among the graduates to watch out for. She has a ready-to-wear line, SCREW, sold at the SoFA Retail Lab at Power Plant and The Ramp. Known for mixing various techniques and textures in her creations, Morales' graduation collection is entitled "Queen of Octopodes," taking inspiration from an octopus.

"I hope to show with my pieces how the octopus signifies strength and will thus embrace the human body," she says.

Noelle Llave, 20, will showcase her collection entitled "Humanoides."

"I was inspired by the human anatomy, the shape and skeletal features in general," says the "Cat" and "Nose" junkie. "Creating details, such as cutouts and 3D architectural patterns was how I was able to translate the inspiration through into the collection," she says of her design.

Her fabrics vary from duchess satin, knit, and bridal satin in grey, white, and black with hints of pastel blue and smoky with a chocolate theme.

The lone menswear designer of the group, Fidel Caseda, who holds a degree in the Film and Audio Visual Communication from University of the Philippines, has a collection entitled "Bob the Armory."

He says: "The collection is about being optimistic yet vigilant of whatever lies ahead. It is a reflection of what I feel toward the current events that occurred in our country. While it is ideal that people have a positive outlook in times of struggles, it is important to also be aware and ready to take action if the need arises."

He describes his collection as rugged street wear meets medieval armor. The collection is primarily composed of jeans and jersey tops adorned with chains, producing a "chain mail" effect, and metal plates, made from galvanized iron. Shown within the medieval armor and some of the outerwear have layers, resembling armored breastplates.



NINE student designers will be participating at the Philippine Fashion Week.



FIDEL Caseda's collection



So you want to go...

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But I also realized that I couldn't have done it without God's grace and my family's love and support.

What was your curriculum like? What did you learn during these eight weeks?

The first week was "Corrective Makeup & Bridal (Day & Night)." We learned all the basics on the first week such as eyebrow shaping, corrective makeup, how to apply the right foundation, highlight and shading, applying eyeshadow, eyelines, false lashes & lipstick. We learned how to give a bride a natural look for her special day. This was an exciting week for me but also a bit awkward because I didn't know my classmates very well yet and I was a little intimidated by my trainer.

On the second week we studied "Photographic and Black & White Makeup," and we learned to make the highlighting and shading very prominent for black and white photos. This week was less intimidating and it was slowly becoming a comfortable atmosphere.

Week Three was hairstyling, learning how to blow-dry and hair using curling tongs and rollers. We also learned how to do a bun, a reversed braid and how to tease hair. This was a very challenging week for me. I instantly learned that one week wasn't enough for me to be an expert with hair and I missed our makeup classes.

Week 4 and 5 were fashion Makeup. We learned pencil makeup from the 1920s to the 1990s, such as of styles of icons like Rita Hayworth and Marilyn Monroe. Our trainer taught us how to use a liquid pencil to deeply pencil rather than the standard pencils and ideal to blend for a smoky look, and I fell in love with it! It's now my favorite medium to do smoky eyes or fashion eye makeup! I was able to do a very nice version of Rita Hayworth's smoky eyes. We learned 1960s to 1970s makeup, such as Twiggy and Madonna's style on the fifth week. I wasn't very good in doing Twiggy's look, being Madonna's look was more fun because we got to wear a blonde wig!

Week 6 was Stage & Theatre Makeup and we learned looks for Romeo and Juliet, a half-moon dancer, Cats, Chinese opera, clowns, the mask, and how to fake old age. This week was a whole lot of fun! It was a new aspect of makeup! It involved face painting and complete transformations, and we started using other props. We learned Special Effects on the seventh week. We created fake bruises, cuts, scars, pimples, marks, and bullet wounds. We also learned how to use latex glue, soft putty, crepe wool to turn into a mask, a bald pate or a tree. This was a very interesting week and The special effects were surprisingly easy to do.

Our exam week and portfolio shoot was our eighth and last week. We had some free days to review for our theory exam and practice for our practical exam. I got so nervous even during the trial practical exam, so I practiced until I was confident. The exams were nerve-wracking. After the exam, I had to prepare a lot for my portfolio shoot. I had two models with four looks to accomplish. It was such a long and tiring day, but very fulfilling in the end. It was a bittersweet day because that was my last day to see my classmates. I truly had a wonderful experience!

Was makeup school what you imagined it to be? What are your plans?

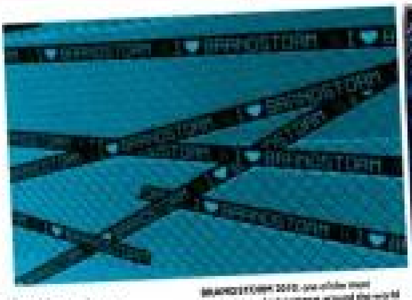
It was definitely what I imagined it to be. I imagined it would require hard work, and it did. I imagined it to be fun, and it was. I imagined it to be demanding, definitely. I imagined it to be expensive, and it was more expensive than I thought. I imagined it to be worth it and it was worth it.

I plan to have my own makeup studio in the future but before that I still want to get further training. I'm planning to work as a makeup artist with international brands. I will also start my own website so I can do freelancing for weddings or fashion shows.

OOPS!

In the article "What they did (fashionably) for summer" published May 15, the author misspelled the name of the company that hosted the featured internship program. It should have read "Robinsons Specialty Stores Inc." and not "Robinsons Store Specialist Inc." and the correct name of the marketing manager in the article.

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BRANDSTORM 2010 [illegible]



THE WINNING team from UP goes to Paris.

Find out how three Business Administration students from UP Diliman won a trip to the City of Lights

'We're going to Paris!'

By [illegible]

WHEN CARLO Bautista, a 21-year-old Business Administration senior at UP Diliman, first heard about the L'Oréal Brandstorm competition, he jumped at the chance to join. After all, the prize at stake—a trip to Paris—was something he had always wanted.

"I was eating lunch with a friend in school when I first heard about it," he recalls. "The phrase 'opportunity to compete in Paris' alone immediately got my attention. Right then and there, I knew that I would not settle for second place. I was going to win the competition together with my team."

It wasn't going to be easy. L'Oréal Brandstorm, a global marketing competition for students, is only on its second year in the Philippines, but is touted as one of the most coveted student contests around the world. Now on its 19th international run, Brandstorm attracts entries from students from the top schools in 44 countries.

This year's Brandstorm challenge was to create a 'beauty' product range for men under Diesel, an edgy fragrance brand. Over 400 students from the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University and De La Salle University submitted proposals for a range of products, which were screened by L'Oréal business development managers and professors from the schools. At the university finals held last April, six teams from the three schools presented their plans in order to win the chance to represent the country at the International finals in Paris, France.



[illegible] Carlo Bautista and Nana [illegible] of UP Diliman College of Business Administration

In the end, Team [illegible], composed of Carlo, Emil [illegible] and Nana [illegible], also Business Administration students, [illegible] the grand prize. "Originally Team [illegible] was supposed to be an all-male group. But when one of the members had to leave, I had to step in because my boyfriend Emil asked me to," Nana says, laughing.

Rugged Edge

Nana's participation in the team proved to be advantageous, as her experience as a L'Oréal intern last year [illegible]

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The 2010 L'Oréal Brandstorm





Philippine National Finalists





Anne Curtis

The New L'OREAL PARIS *Woman*

L'Oréal announces Philippine winners of world's biggest marketing contest for students

Over 146 Philippine teams competed to create a new campaign for one of L'Oréal's several global brands and win the right to represent the country in the international finals in Paris













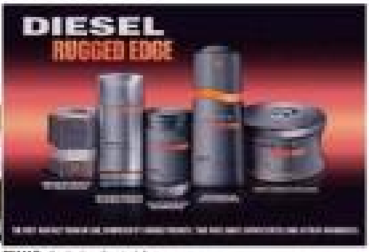






'We're going to Paris!'







Super LifeStyle

The Maginhawa Street scene



This artists' neighborhood in QC attracts hipsters, students and foodies alike



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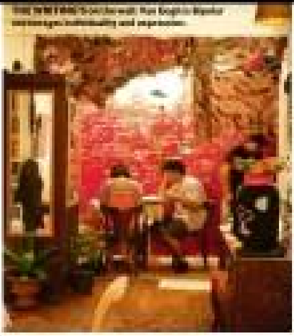
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The Maginhawa Street scene

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SUPER EXCLUSIVE!

Super's 'Here Comes The Bride' honeymoon

The comedy film about soul-swapping is rip-roaring and fun, madly conceived and brilliantly cast. No wonder people are going back to the theaters to watch it again and again

CHRIS MARTINEZ HAS DONE IT again.

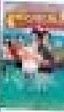
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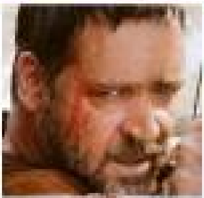

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Crowe breathes new life into 'ROBIN HOOD'

By Nestor Torre

Most famous outlaw



Questionable firsts and shoddy seconds





'Avatar's' Cameron urges producers to embrace 3D TV



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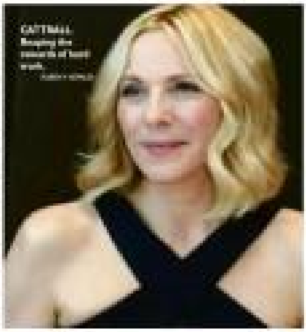


Kim Cattrall has a big appetite for learning

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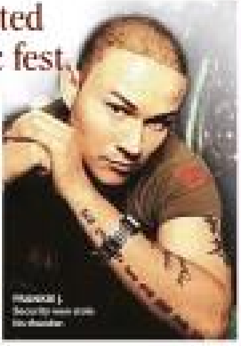
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Technical gaffes, unexpected drama weigh down music fest





Crowd favorites



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Halle Berry impresses in psychological drama



Spellbinding

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FAMILY TIES

Charlene shares secret of happy marriage with Aga

By Mary Ann A. Bardinas

ARRESTING as she looks, Charlene Gonzalez-Muhlach glows even more as she talks about her relationship with husband, Aga Muhlach. Separation rumors hounding her eight-year marriage don't bother her. In fact, she claims that Christmas is an everyday occurrence for them. They always find any excuse to hug or whisper sweet nothings to each other. They even sleep hugging each other.

"Aga is very supportive. He has never held me back from pursuing things I want to do. When I was hosting 'Sa Home Ka Dito,' he understood that I wanted my show to be good. He's very generous with his affection. You just have to see some of the things he does. He's very trusting.

"And, he's very lovable! What I like about him is that he embraces life with so much passion, and it rubs off on other people. When we go to Calatagan with Atasha and Andres [their 8-year-old twins], it feels like a date. Aga always wants to be with his family, because he's happy. He thinks happy thoughts. It's either all or nothing for him. If there's something he likes only a little, he doesn't pursue it.

Friends

"Aga tickles me a lot. He loves holding me and being close to me. He's a little boy sometimes! We try to enjoy life as much as we can. Even before we became a couple, we still get along very well. For us, there was no adjustment period. It helped that we were friends first before we were married."

The actor has also helped his wife ease up on being a workaholic, Charlene explains. "Aga always reminds me that there are times when we should just sit back and enjoy life—like there's no deadline. I thank him for that."

Both Aga and Charlene are emotional. They have learned to let each other be when one of them is in a bad mood. "We respect each other's input, that's why we hardly fight. Marriage can be the best or worst decision a person can make. I didn't have plans to settle down before Aga and I fell in love, but when he proposed, I just knew. I was truly blessed."



THE HIGHLIGHTS: [illegible]

"Communication and trust keep their relationship strong: "Sometimes, we wake up early in the morning and talk until lunchtime. We also discuss things before we sleep. We talk about anything—except work! We call each other B, and we tell each other that we want to grow old together. He always tells me how lucky he is to have me in his life."

And, just like his roles in his movies, Aga is expressive and romantic. "I became more expressive with my love because of him. Our relationship now has courtship, honeymoon and marriage all rolled into one. He tells me everything—if he has some problem, he tells me right away."

Main reason

Aga is now on a rigid diet, Charlene clarifies. "His career is one of the reasons why he wants to get fit. But, the main reason is health. He likes oatmeal, fruits, vegetables and fish. I'm happy because he feels good himself.

"In 2007, he avoided going to social events because he didn't want to eat unhealthy food. I tried to diet along with him, but I couldn't handle it. It was a struggle for Aga—emotionally, physically and mentally. That's why seeing him now amazes me. So far, he has lost more than 20 pounds. He's very addicted—he's into wakeboarding, boxing, badminton, and he regularly goes to the gym."

Disney preps up next musical

LOS ANGELES—Disney Channel is readying a new high school musical. The network has ordered an original movie based on the novel, "Lemonade Mouth," the story of five Rhode Island freshmen who meet in detention and decide to form a garage band using unusual instruments, including a ukulele.

Franchise

Emmy-nominated producer Debra Martin Chase, will lead the project, having also produced the network's musical movie franchise, "The Cheetah Girls." The network's most recent contemporary big-ticket project was 2008's "Camp Rock," the most-watched scripted cable telecast that year, with 10.1 million viewers.

Disney Channel recently announced that a sequel to that project, "Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam," will debut in September. *Reuters*

Their time to shine

By Nestor U. Torre

DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT MORE younger stars are poised to make their mark on the biz, both locally and internationally. On local TV screens, many of the new telenovelas star relatively new names and faces—Andi Eigenmann and Mariel in "Agua Bendita," Empress Schuck in "Rosalka," and Nikki Gonzales and Jason Francisco in "Impostor."



EIGENMANN: Makes her mark on "Agua Bendita."

In pop music and recording, Charice is making waves with her new single and album. Her male counterpart, London-based Charlie Green, has also cut an album, which should boost his popularity here even if he isn't physically present.

When he's older, however, his mentors should think about moving his base of operations from London to Manila, since "long-distance" careers simply aren't tenable in these parts.

Other very young talents who are making a name for themselves: The child stars in "Holiday Kids," Francis M's scion, Kiko Magalona, and Zaijian Jaranilla, who has become a bankable child star after the conclusion of his "teleserye" stint.

Industry insiders hope that the popular child actor's new career moves will further enhance his popularity and develop his

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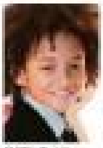
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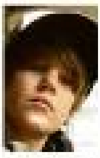


SMITH: Topbills remake of "The Karate Kid."

Their time to shine

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On his own



BIEBER: Breakout sensation.

'Glee' celebrates Madonna's music



By Rito P. Asilo

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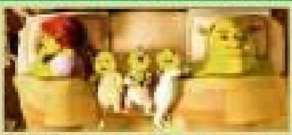


'Wowowee' without Willie —and with Robin



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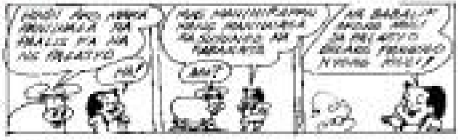
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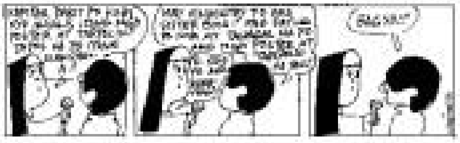


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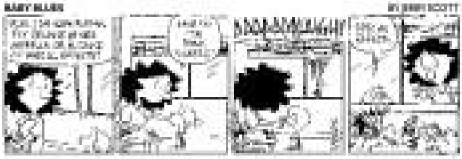
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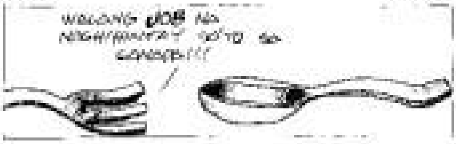


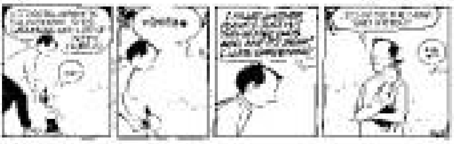


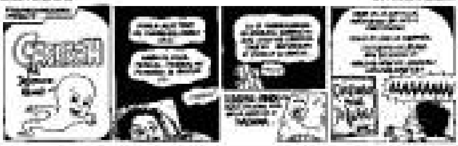
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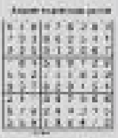
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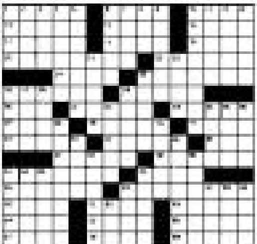
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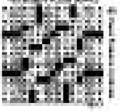
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Ronnie Ricketts is up to the challenge of fighting piracy

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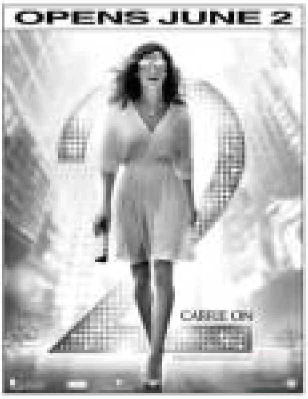
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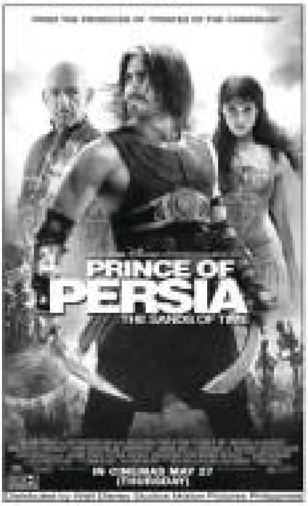


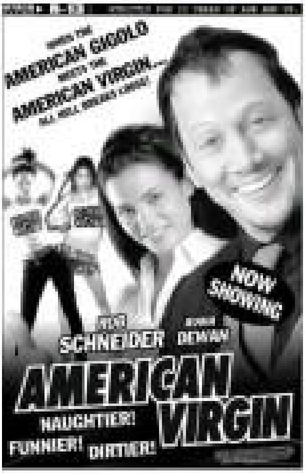
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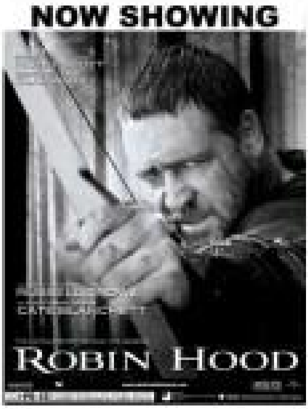
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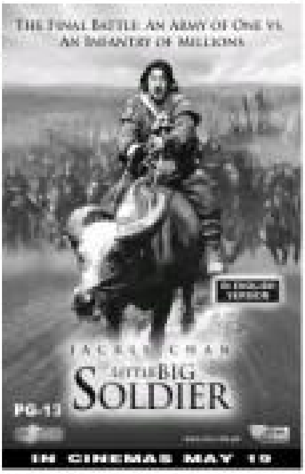


















Two 'event' movies enliven film buffs' viewing prospects





MARTIN (TOP) AND SARLI: Support "Noy" and "Emir," respectively.

By Nestor U. Torre

ALL OF A SUDDEN, JUNE IS SHAPING up as an especially exciting month for the local movie industry. This is a most welcome development, since the movies have been having a rough time of late, and have definitely been upstaged by the booming TV industry.

Not anymore, however. This June, the big OFW film, "Emir," finally starts its run in many theaters, with new talent, Frencheska Farr, playing a Filipina who takes care of a young prince in the Middle East.

In addition, an unusual film production, "Noy," will soon start its run in town with Coco Martin playing a character who poses as a journalist commissioned to do a documentary on the presidential campaign of Sen. Noynoy Aquino.

Both projects are "different," so they stand out and deserve our attention. If local film producers come up with similarly striking "event" projects, the industry's revival will proceed apace and even be speeded up.

Output

For some months now, the output of the local movie industry has been dominated by indie productions, while mainstream studios have been coming up with generally predictable fare. With "Emir" and "Noy," mainstream producers are going beyond merely commercial and formula productions, and that's a good thing.

While we've been supporting the rise of indie movies, we are cognizant of the fact that many of them haven't been able to interest and excite the general movie audience.

We hope that indie filmmakers will find ways to mitigate this problem. In the meantime, however, we welcome both indie and mainstream films—as long as they're good productions.

It's also interesting to note that both "Noy" and "Emir" topbill relatively new talents (Coco and Frencheska). The fact that the mainstream industry is "doing an indie" and [illegible] relatively young and untested talents could indicate that mainstream movies are coming out of the box of caution and formula that has limited their prospects for a long time now.

Also positively instructive is the fact that both movies tackle topical issues and themes—"Emir" focuses on Overseas Contract Workers and their many problems and concerns, while "Noy" deals with the issues of the day.

Pertinence

This is a welcome pertinence that some other producers should emulate, because most local films are purely escapist comedic, dramatic or fantasy productions that merely give viewers a "vacation" [illegible].

If other producers pursue this relevant and topical task, local movies would be able to be of better service to viewers, who deserve substantial productions that relate to their daily lives, instead of the escapist fluff they've generally been getting.

Mona Freeman lived up to her name

By Bayani San Diego Jr. [illegible]

IN THE LATE '40S AND EARLY '50S, one of the most attractive blondes in Hollywood was the petite but buxomly pretty Mona Freeman. I had heard the adjective *mona* in Spanish and knew it was a description of a woman's fine physical attributes. So, I asked my friend, [illegible], what it meant. She replied via text: "More like cute."

Indeed, Mona was cute. Probably she was Hollywood's cutest blonde, because the common connotation of "blonde" is that of a curvaceous golden-haired girl similar to the likes of Jean Harlow, Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield. But Freeman didn't have the Harlow or Monroe vibe.

Image

The actress had a peaches-and-cream complexion, and those baby-like eyes could be beautifully exploited for her movies' dramatic moments. Above all, she had a figure ample enough to be classed with the image was paradoxical. She was both cute and sensuous, but she obviously wasn't a "dumb blonde." And, she was so pretty as she could be dangerous!

Mona was lovely enough to have been chosen one of Hollywood's most beautiful actresses in the '50s. The teens selected by Hollywood's top cinematographers, photographers and make-up artists included [illegible] Elizabeth Taylor, Arlene Dahl and Mona Freeman. Freeman was noted for her fine coloring and [illegible].

Teenage roles

Mona was already modeling when she was in high school. It was no less than the eccentric Howard Hughes who discovered her. But, he probably cast her in teenage roles—until she started complaining about the stereotyping.

As a result, the fickle producer sold her contract to Paramount, where Mona was cast in "Till We Meet Again" and "Angel Face." [illegible] added a dash of [illegible] to her ethereal good looks.

The actress became Bob Hope's leading lady in 1952's "Battle Cry," a big blockbuster during its time. After all, Hope was that decade's hottest matinee idol. However, Freeman was not as successful in her career as she matured, because moviegoers preferred watching Mona portray cute girls next door.

The unhappy Mona retired in the late '50s. But, not before she came to the Philippines to star in "Huk" with George Montgomery. The film was shot in the Pampanga Sugar Mills in that province's [illegible] town, which was also the location of some scenes of Jeff Chandler's last film, "Merrill's Marauders."

I asked the maids who served Mona in the house where she lived during the shooting of "Huk" what they thought of the Hollywood star. They excitedly declared, "Maganding [illegible] at mabait [illegible]!"



FREEMAN: No dumb blonde.



TRIP TO SINGAPORE

Dragon winner Maria Lourdes Molina Maro (center) accepts the grand raffle prize of a trip for four to the newly opened Universal Studios Singapore. Molina watched DreamWorks Animation's "How To Train Your Dragon" at SM Mall of Asia's Imax Theater, where each ticket purchase entitled audience members to three raffle tickets. Presenting the prize were Solar's Wilson Tieng and Salina Ganzon of United International Pictures.

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small children who was involved with a married man, who turned out to be a wife-beater, to boot. She was so poor that her family had little food to eat, forcing her to work in a bar. —How tragically melodramatic can a life get? Hey.

Sobs was so moved by the poor young mother's tale of woe that she ended up giving home with the biggest "cash bonus" of all. Good for her, but we hope that the show can eventually distance itself from "emotional blackmail" gambits like this, and focus more on its games and quiz aspects—with or without Willie.

'The Last Romance' unreels on GMA-7 tomorrow

BEGINNING MAY 23, "THE LOVE BUG" regales GMA-7 viewers with diverse four-episode romantic tales for the young and the young heart. First to unreel after "Puppy Pilipinas" tomorrow is "The Last Romance," which is set on a cruise ship and stars Dennis Trillo and Carla Abellana.

Free concert

At 7 p.m. today, the MFO School of Music presents a free concert at Eastwood Mall, QC, in which students will be playing with their mentors. Call 0917 [illegible]. The MFO School of Music offers conservatory-level training and a unique approach in which students learn individually and as part of a band.

'The Prisoner'

Premiering May 25 and airing Tuesdays at 11 p.m. on AXN Beyond, "The Prisoner" stars Jim Caviezel and Sir Ian McKellen in a "duel" of will power, wits and [illegible] surveillance.

Solo recital

On June 13 at the Philamlife Theater, NAMCYA winner Oliver Salonga performs compositions for piano by Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Scriabin and Prokofiev. Call 768-1132.

Miri jazz festival

The Malaysian city of Miri in Sarawak state recently held the fifth Miri International Jazz Festival, showcasing jazz, blues, fusion, world music and Latin bands from Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Miri is being groomed as a resort city due to its natural attractions and leisure developments, including the Niah National Park, a Unesco World Heritage Site.





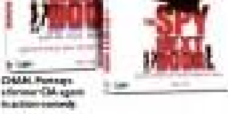
TRILLO AND ABELLANA: Fall in love on a cruise ship on "The Last Romance."

Thomasian Media Circle

The Secretary General of the University of Sto. Tomas recently hosted a gathering of Thomasian professionals in media, PR and marketing. More than 100 alumni came to the gathering, a preparatory event for the UST Quadricentennial celebrations in 2011.

'The Spy Next Door' on video

What happens when the terror of hard-to-catch crooks becomes a babysitter of hard-headed kids? In "The Spy Next Door," now out on video, Bob Ho (Jackie Chan), a former CIA agent involved with Gillian (Amber Valletta), offers to look after her children when she has to leave town, hoping that they will finally like him. So, do they? —Uh, no!



CHAN: Portrays a former CIA agent in action-comedy.

Celebrity VJ

Jeron singer Aljur Abrenica has been tapped by MYX as its celebrity VJ for the month. He will read all requests on "My MYX" on May 23-29.

'Haring Kapatid'

Viva Films' "Haring Kapatid" topbills Judy Ann Santos and Sarah Geronimo as their first stellar team-up, set to open on July 28. The popular stars play sisters who are willing to sacrifice even their personal happiness to keep their bond as siblings intact. Luis Manzano also stars in Viva's [illegible] film.

MONTAGE

'Revealed: Malaysia's Royal Rites'

On May 30 at 10 p.m., Discovery Channel's "Revealed" presents "Malaysia's Royal Rites," the grand installation for the royal state of Negeri Sembilan's 11th ruler. The special shows how centuries-old rituals are kept alive in modern times.

'Balik-Tanaw'

On May 22 at the Baluarte Hotel, Roxas Blvd., Dr. Ramon Pesigan's book, "Balik-Tanaw: The Filipino Music Score of Yesteryears," will be launched at 3:30 p.m. Some of the local silver screen are expected to grace the occasion. E-mail balik tanaw2010@gmail.com for details.

Rio Jose

Rio Jose's Sony Music debut album, "Yes," is composed of 12 tracks led by the promotional song, "Kahit Na." The album is produced by Jonathan Ong, who also commissions the quartet.

Smart Buddy's fun event

Smart Buddy's Hot Summer Stations visits SM Cebu on May 28-30 and culminates at SM Megamall on June 10-12. At the fun event, revel in [illegible] of the new Smart Buddy Quick Access SIM, which now comes preloaded with two hours of free unmetered Internet browsing time. Visit www.smart.com.ph/buddy.

Movies on TV

Today on HBO at 9 a.m., "Escape at the Coast." To tomorrow at 7 a.m., "The Remaining Version." May 24 at 3:30 p.m., "Flame in the Heart." May 25 at 9:30 a.m., "Poetic Justice." May 26 at 6:25 p.m., "Superman." May 27 at 3 p.m., "Keep a Secret." May 28 at 2:40 p.m., "Jurassic Park."

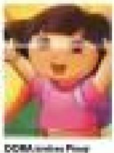
On Cinemax today at 4:50 p.m., "The Battle of the Ridge." Tomorrow at 7 p.m., "Killers." May 24 at 3 p.m., "The Bravo One." May 25 at 3 p.m., "Replay's Game." May 26 at 9 p.m., "Time and Tide." May 27 at 6 p.m., "The Jones." May 28 at 7 a.m., "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral."



CAVIEZEL: Tackling "duel" with Sir Ian McKellen.

Monday night on ETC

At 8 p.m., "Pretty Wicked" is a reality show that aims to get 10 superficial divas to change their ways. At 9 p.m., "How I Met Your Mother" topbills Neil Patrick Harris. At 9:30 p.m., "Entourage" with Adrian Grenier and Jeremy Piven is now on its fourth season.



DORA: Invites Pinoy kids to join.

'Explorers Wanted'

Dora The Explorer invites all Pinoy kids to "Explorers Wanted" from 3 to 6 p.m. on May 29 at the West Block of Bonifacio High Street, Global City, Taguig. All kids and kids-at-heart are invited to come in their explorer's outfits and "conquer" exciting land, water and sea adventures.... lots of games, prizes and surprises for everyone! Call 721-3944.

At Starmall

Check out Starmall's first sale for the year, ongoing until June 2... a haven of bargains and discounts. Also ongoing (until June 30) is Pinoy Plenty, a one-of-a-kind dining experience at all Starmall foodcourts.

Talent Hits at Starmall branches include "Basta Colorado, Pamilia," "Star of the Dance Floor," "Little Me Cake-Me Girl" and "Mr. Super Pinoy." Call 842-2111.

'Independence Date with Side A'

Side A is staging a concert at the Quezon City Memorial Circle Bandstand, titled "Independence Date With Side A," on June 12. Call 382-3912, or visit Side A Independence Date's page on Facebook.

'Greatest Hits' compilation

Sony Music has released "greatest hits" compilations of three musical legends—Bob Dylan, the Collection, "The Best of Neil Sedaka" and "The Very Best of Johnny Mathis."